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Fairfield Seeks Additional Community Input to Address Budget Deficit

Fairfield, California (Tuesday, August 17, 2010)—Fairfield is committed to seeking community input to address an estimated \$8.3 million General Fund deficit for fiscal year 2011/2012. City Council, citizens, and staff began the process by setting and defining the results that the community desires to achieve. The four results are:

- Prosperous local economy
- Quality, family-oriented community
- Reliable, well-maintained infrastructure
- Safe community

Definitions for the four results have been posted on the City's website at www.fairfield.ca.gov/gov/depts/finance/priority_based_budgeting.asp.

With this work completed, Fairfield is again turning to its citizens and businesses to generate ideas that will help the City reduce expenses or generate revenues and to prioritize the City's results.

The City has opened an online forum to share ideas and suggestions. The online forum is a place where the community can give ideas, see other ideas, and vote. Visit www.fairfield.ca.gov/gov/depts/finance/budget_suggestion_box.asp to get involved.

City staff is available to attend your organization's meeting, where you'll learn more about the City's budget challenges, the priority based budgeting process, and be asked to participate in a brief exercise to prioritize the City's results. Please call Nikki Hoover at (707) 428-7400 to schedule a speaker for your group.

City staff will be available at the regularly scheduled meetings of City Council, Planning Commission, Community Resources Commission, and Youth Commission from August 17, 2010 to September 21, 2010 to administer the prioritization exercise. The City will also have an electronic version of the exercise available on the City's website for a limited duration at the end of August 2010 through the beginning of September 2010.

"We believe our community will help guide us, through their ideas and priorities, to effectively address City services during these difficult economic times," said David White, assistant to the city manager.

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